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## Pakistan

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### **Pakistan's Wheat Crop Adversely Affected by Winter Rains**

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**Report Highlights:**

Pakistan's MY 2015/16 wheat production is forecast 500,000 metric tons lower at 25.0 million metric tons due to the adverse effect of widespread late winter rains across major wheat producing areas.

**General Information:****Pakistan's Wheat Crop Adversely Affected by Winter Rains**

FAS Islamabad staff traveled to Punjab from April 26 to May 2 to assess the state of the wheat crop. Pakistan's MY 2015/16 wheat production is forecast 500,000 metric tons lower at 25.0 million metric tons due to the adverse effect of widespread late winter rains across major wheat producing areas. The bulk of harvest typically starts from the third week of April and the months of March and April are very important as the crop typically matures under moderate temperatures along with dry weather and sunshine. However, for the past few years, Pakistan has been in the grip of shifting rainfall patterns that have resulted in unseasonal late winter rains. This year, late winter rains were particularly heavy during March and April, delaying harvest by as much as 10 days and lowering yields.

Damage in Punjab, Pakistan's largest wheat producing province, was primarily confined to Lahore, Gujranwala, Sargodha and Faisalabad. Losses in wheat production due to rains have also been reported in Khyber Pakhtunkwa and in some parts of Sindh. The damage is mainly due to hail storms, heavy showers and resultant standing water in the wheat fields. Lodging in the wheat fields was also observed due to strong winds. In some areas especially around Lahore, the attack of rust and smut was observed, though its incidence was low and occurred too late to have any significant effect on yield.

**Production, Supply and Demand Data Statistics:**

<b>Wheat</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>		<b>2014/2015</b>		<b>2015/2016</b>	
<b>Market Begin Year</b>	<b>May 2013</b>		<b>May 2014</b>		<b>May 2015</b>	
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New post</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New post</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New post</b>
<b>Area Harvested</b>	8,640	8640	9,100	9,100	0	9,100
<b>Beginning Stocks</b>	2,622	2,622	2,172	2,222	0	3,672
<b>Production</b>	24,000	24,000	25,500	25,500	0	25,000
<b>MY Imports</b>	400	400	750	750	0	100
<b>TY Imports</b>	400	400	750	750	0	100
<b>TY Imp. from U.S.</b>	28	8	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Supply</b>	27,022	27,022	28,422	28,472	0	28,772
<b>MY Exports</b>	750	700	700	700	0	1,000
<b>TY Exports</b>	750	700	700	700	0	1,000
<b>Feed and Residual</b>	600	600	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
<b>FSI Consumption</b>	23,500	23,500	23,500	23,100	0	23,200
<b>Total Consumption</b>	24,100	24,100	24,500	24,100	0	24,200
<b>Ending Stocks</b>	2,172	2,222	3,222	3,672	0	3,572
<b>Total</b>	27,022	27,022	28,422	28,472	0	28,772

<b>Distribution</b>						
<b>Yield</b>	2.777	2.777	2.802	2.802		2.747
1000 HA, 1000 MT, MT/HA						